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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

A personal interview was conducted on December 22, 2004 between Applicants representative and Examiner Theresa Trieu at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

During the interview, the amendments to the claims as provided in the November 23, 2004 Amendment were reviewed in relation to the applied references of U.S. Patent 3,659,877; U.S. Patent 6,068,452; and EP 1 199 441. Although the Examiner indicated that

the pending claims appear to distinguish over the applied references, further consideration would be required pending an additional search.

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